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Journal of Pediatric Psychology Statement of Purpose—Section on Methodology

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Without good science, we can't do good deeds! In keeping with this notion, Robert Noll (2002[□]) made the following introductory remarks for a special issue of *JPP* on "Methodology and Design": "With improvements in research methodology, we have more opportunities to influence public policy ... Our scientific contributions facilitate our ability to improve the lives of children and families" (p.1). Clearly, it is in our best interest to monitor and continually improve the quality of our research designs, methods of data collection, and statistical procedures.

It is safe to say that most methodological gains are driven by theoretical advances. For example, mediational and moderational statistical procedures were not employed until complex models (with multiple intervening causal pathways) were proposed (Holmbeck, 1997[□], . . . [[Full Text of this Article](#)]

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